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### **Health Fair to Kick-off the Expansion of Managed Care Services to Medicaid and FAMIS Enrollees in the Far Southwest Region**

**Richmond, VA** - The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) will be sponsoring a Health Fair to help Medicaid and Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) eligible individuals learn about managed care and help them choose a Managed Care Organization (MCO). The Fair will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, One Partnership Circle, Abingdon, Virginia 24210. *Location is on the campus of Virginia Highlands Community College Campus, 100 VHCC Drive, Abingdon, Virginia 24210.*

The goal of the Fair is to help kick-off the expansion of Managed Care Services for Medicaid and FAMIS enrollees in the far Southwest region of Virginia. Attendees will learn about these health care services and get information to help them choose the MCO that best suits their needs.

Representatives from DMAS Medicaid and FAMIS programs, Smiles for Children, and all six MCOs will be there to answer questions and provide information to help individuals make their MCO selection. There will be **free** games, food, give-aways, health and dental screenings.

These MCOs will provide coverage for medical services to approximately 45,000 eligible Medicaid and FAMIS individuals in the counties of Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Grayson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington and Wise, and the cities of Bristol, Galax and Norton.

Effective July 1, 2012, Medicaid and FAMIS eligible individuals in these localities will access health care services through one of the following MCOs: Amerigroup Community Care, Anthem HealthKeepers Inc., MajestaCare - A Health Plan of Carilion Clinic, CareNet-Southern Health, Optima Family Care, and Virginia Premier Health Plan.

MCOs have been providing coverage to eligible Virginia enrollees since 1996. DMAS currently contracts with the MCOs to provide health care services to approximately 625,000 of the 960,500 Medicaid and FAMIS individuals in other localities around the state. Managed care provides Medicaid and FAMIS enrollees 24/7 access to nurse advice lines, case management services, disease management programs, credentialed provider networks and enrollee outreach.

For more information about the Virginia Medicaid/FAMIS Health Fair 2012, please contact DMAS staff Pam Lewis or Paige Jones at 804-692-0270. For more details on the managed care expansion, please contact the DMAS Office of Communications. *Contact information at top of release.*

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